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ASHA BLAKE, co-host:

Bob Grant is a Colorado prosecutor and part of Alex Hunter's task force on the Ramsey case.

Bob, good morning.

Mr. BOB GRANT (Adams County District Attorney): Good morning, Asha. How are you?

BLAKE: Fine, thanks. I know that you have spoken to Alex Hunter and the other prosecutors. What are their feelings this morning with regard to this case?

Mr. GRANT: Well, of course, nobody's happy, nobody's satisfied. It's a sad day, that this phase of the investigation has not produced the results that everybody was hoping for.

BLAKE: Bob, I want to talk to you about something you said yesterday to one of our producers. You said 'Alex Hunter is at peace with his decision, and the ultimate decision was made by him. Regardless of what the grand jurors recommended or what his prosecutors recommended, it was his decision to make.' Now, is it possible that the grand jury wanted to indict, but Alex Hunter felt that he couldn't get a conviction, so there was no indictment?

Mr. GRANT: Asha, you've correctly stated a possibility under the law, but let me be very clear. I cannot nor will anyone who is privy to the information discuss what the grand jury did or did not do under penalty of law. I'm not interested in going to jail, so I'm not going to talk about it. But you have, in fact, stated a possibility under the law.

BLAKE: All right. Let's move on, then, since we don't want you to go to jail. You may not want to place...

Mr. GRANT: Well, thank you.

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BLAKE: ...you may not want to place blame at this moment in--at time, but I think it's fair to ask what went wrong. A little girl's dead, 30,000 pieces of evidence, three years, millions of dollars, what went wrong here?

Mr. GRANT: Well, you know, that question kind of implies that there is some absolute right way that will necessarily result in a conviction out of a complex circumstantial investigation. And you just can't imply that. Certainly, there were things that weren't done right in this case. You know, I've never been involved in a case in 22 years of prosecution where something hasn't gone wrong. But to point the finger and say any one thing has resulted in this state of affairs today would simply be wrong.

BLAKE: But I think it's fair...

Mr. GRANT: The fact is it's a...

BLAKE: Go ahead.

Mr. GRANT: ...well, let me just say, the fact is that it's a complex investigation that requires a lot of things, and one of them is a little luck to put it together. And we just haven't had either the luck, or the eyewitnesses, or the direct evidence to be able to solve the case to this day.

BLAKE: Let's look at it this way, what do you wish had been done differently from the beginning with this investigation?

Mr. GRANT: Well, you know, what a prosecutor wishes for is direct evidence. If, in fact, there were some eyewitnesses, if, there in fact was somebody on the scene that comes forward and says, 'This is what happened,' you got your smoking gun, you got your case. Absent that, you have to put together a tight case, brick by brick and piece by piece. Everybody's been trying to do that for a long while, and they'll continue to try to do that until it's actually accomplished.

BLAKE: Along the same lines, a lot of critics have said that the major problems with this case was that there was inept police work and a lackluster DA. Your opinion on that?

Mr. GRANT: Well, I think that's--you know, people seem to have a need to find someone to blame. People seem to have a need to in some way denigrate folks involved in this case. And I won't do that. I think the police work in this case for the last year and a half or so has been excellent, dedicated, thorough. They're doing the best job that anyone could do at this stage. The prosecution team brought in by Alex Hunter is also dedicated; is also--in fact, has worked their hearts and souls on this case. And I won't denigrate their efforts by responding to those kinds of comments.

BLAKE: On that note, Bob Grant, thank you very much for your time this morning.

Mr. GRANT: Thank you, Asha.

BLAKE: Now back to you, Jodi.

APPLEGATE: Thank you, Asha.

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